

**BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**APRIL 2, 2014**

**Roll Call:**

R. Correa	Present
J. Galligan	Present
D. Kostantakis	Absent
T. Hickey	Present
E. Lohsen	Present
D. Morrell	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Sansone	Present
G. Tonner	Present
B. Wicker	Present
R. Williams	Absent
Councilman Brophy	Present
Councilman Hayes	Present

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Chairman Correa announced, “*All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont.*”

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk

*P. Musse made a motion to accept the March 2014 minutes. J. Galligan seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/NAV Alt.#1-Hickey/NAV Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried.*  
(\*NAV-not available at time of vote)

**OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*P. Musse made a motion to suspend the open public portion of the meeting.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Daisy Troop 5900 volunteered to clean up a town park April 26<sup>th</sup> for Earth Day. Commissioners decided on DeAngelis Park. Will issue a permit and notify DPW.
- Marc Ferrara, teacher at Honiss, sent in his resume for Summer Rec Director.
- Drs. George Freed and Jeffrey Gliksman of Bergenfield would like to sponsor a team or event. Their contact information was given to interested commissioners.

## **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

R. Correa welcomed Councilman Hayes as Recreation's new Council Liaison. Councilman Hayes gave the following report:

- There's approximately \$80,000 left in a grant earmarked for Gina's Field. He encouraged commissioners to have a voice in the decisions. This Saturday morning John Perkins, Councilman Hayes and commissioners will visit the field.
- TriState submitted an estimate for \$3100 to repair damage by the fence company.
- Talked to DPW about installing red stone or railroad ties at Babe Ruth to fill ruts going onto the field as suggested by Tony Como.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Welcome to J. Galligan as our new Alternate Commissioner. Thanks to G. Tonner for his work on Summer Rec.

- Last year's Summer Rec Director and Assistant have decided not to come back so we'll need to fill those positions.
- Memorial Park's broken electrical line has been repaired.
- He applauded Rec's contribution to the following teams and projects from League Relief in 2013:

○ Jr. Football helmets/pads/reconditioning	\$5,393.70
○ Football Cheering Uniforms	\$6,929.62
○ Twin Boro Field Shed for Men's Softball	\$3,020
○ Memorial Park Pavers	\$16,000
<b>TOTAL: \$31,343.32</b>	

- A special thank you to Jenn and Kim Wynant and P. Musse for a great job running Basketball Cheerleading.
- Read details of a bill the borough submitted to the fence installer to repair damage they did: stone border around volleyball court \$588.35 and DPW's overtime of \$149.44 for reinstalling protective fence at Memorial on a Saturday (March 22<sup>nd</sup>).

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

- All bills that have been submitted have been paid.
- Remind league presidents that referees/umpires need to have a W-9 to be paid.
- Total proposed Rec budget is \$34,550 which is \$2,550 more than last year, but \$19,500 less than we requested.
- R. Correa said there's a line item of \$15,000 for Summer Rec.
- There's no line item for office supplies which usually run about \$2,000 including copy machine maintenance.
- B. Brophy explained that the borough is consolidating office supply ordering so it's just one line item for all departments.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **MEMORIAL PARK**

- Babe Ruth fence is done, looks great.

- Four lights are out at Babe Ruth due to contractor damaging the wires. They've been charged \$700 so far for damage they caused.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day they will be allowed to work on the field. TriState will start on the field April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Batting cage is not ready—the net has been ordered.
- DPW will put up “No Pepper” and Lightning Alert signs.

**AEDs:** Borough is working to comply with new state law requiring every park to have an AED (defibrillator).

**Dumont High School Field:** BOE approved Rec's use of the field until 10 pm with lights on for April. Soccer and Senior Baseball will use three nights a week.

**Summer Rec:** Barry Ruback, the tennis pro is donating a couple hundred tennis balls and some kid-sized rackets. Commission is considering charging him for courts next year.

**Audit:** Is continuing. Found Girls Basketball Registrations forms—gave to auditor.

**Roller Hockey Rink:** Rink is staying up.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

#### **G. GALLIGAN**

***Celebrations:*** Easter Egg Hunt is April 12, J. Sansone will be the Easter Bunny, P. Musse will do the music. All who can help, be there at 9:00am. Little League will move their Opening Day activities to 1:00pm that day.

***Football Cheering:*** No report.

#### **T. HICKEY**

***Competition Cheerleading:*** No report

***Fundraising:*** Working on the Monmouth Park idea.

- Would like to do a Tricky Tray fundraiser involving all the leagues. Will ask the Knights of Columbus and the Elks when they have open dates.
- J. Galligan suggested Mt. Airy Lodge which is cheaper than Atlantic City.
- R. Correa suggested a Volunteer Appreciation Dance.

#### **D. KOSTANTAKIS**

***Girls Basketball:*** Ended with a great season. Soon they'll start travel season.

***Women's Softball:*** B. Wicker added that Rec has set aside \$250 to sponsor them.

***Rec Wrestling:*** Season ended—multiple wrestlers took the podium in districts and states.

***Men's Softball:*** Started up. Missing bathroom key at Twin Boro has been replaced.

## **D. MORRELL**

***Junior Football:*** One more sign-up—have about 85 kids so far, hope to get 100.

***Flag Football:*** The rescheduled super bowl was canceled due to more bad weather.

## **P. MUSSE**

***Rec Boys Basketball:*** Season is over—went well. Had championship games for 5-6 and 7-8 and pizza party. Is working with Brian Joyce to meet with the parents involved in the Grant School Play-offs incident to go over Code of Ethics. T. Hickey suggested we read a code of conduct before each game to parents as well as players and coaches.

***Certification:*** Will set up a meeting with Rich Healy, Brian Joyce and J. Galligan about upcoming classes. Looking into fingerprinting procedures.

***Garden at Grant:*** Will plant soon.

***Senior Baseball:*** Had draft—all teams are set. Finished winter workouts.

***Travel Boys Basketball:*** Going well, teams are very competitive.

## **J. SANSONE**

***Roller Hockey:*** Running well. We're the only town playing a full schedule—mostly at home because other towns' rinks aren't usable. Rink is great—appreciates DPW's work on it. South end of rink behind the goal is spauling—pavement is coming up. Councilman Hayes will let John Perkins know.

***Little League:*** Postponing Opening Day due to fence work not being completed. Councilman Hayes will contact DPW to repair the wooden benches.

***Soccer:*** Started their spring season using DHS and Selzer fields.

***Basketball Backboards:*** Have the go-ahead to replace them at Memorial Park using funds from the McHale Fund. Needs to be done before Summer Rec.

## **G. TONNER**

***Girls Volleyball Clinic:*** Got 50 girls, 2 on waiting list. Starts next week.

***Parks & Playgrounds:*** April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm the dedication of Dawn M. Totten Field.

### ***Summer Recreation:***

- Inventoried counselor and camper t-shirts, will put an order in for what we need.
- Approached two teachers in town to apply for the Director position. Would like a teacher rather than a recent college grad. Equipment manager is returning. Will reach out to last year's Head Counselor.
- B. Wicker urged us to finalize vendors now for the entertainment.
- Letter to last year's counselors is ready to go out.
- In addition to sign-ups on the recycling calendar, we'll have Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (the last day before a late fee is charged) and Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a late fee.

## **R. WILLIAMS**

***Girls Softball:*** No report.

***Board of Education:*** No report.

***New Programs:*** No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

***Tennis Courts at Memorial Park:*** P. Musse spoke to the engineer regarding resurfacing. Waiting for a few days when it's over 55 degrees. Lessons can be held at Selzer courts then. Last year the courts were green, we can choose blue, which is the new trend.

***P. Musse made a motion to have the tennis courts done in blue. J. Sansone seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)***

***Weedman Contract:*** Same prices as last year. All approved of the new contract.

***Security at Memorial:*** E. Lohsen reported that the idea of having a security person at Memorial Park for the summer was not approved at the department head meeting. Instead, borough will fix the security cameras that feed into the police department. J. Galligan suggests putting them on Gail's Place roof aimed at the bathrooms. T. Hickey said having a security presence is a deterrent. Councilman Hayes spoke to Chief Falbourn who said to address concerns to him, he wants to work with Rec.

***Memorial Park Going to the Dogs:*** P. Musse suggested more "NO DOGS" signs. Councilman Hayes will have DPW make more signs.

***Mayor's Challenge:*** We missed the deadline to sign-up for this year. Will see about doing the wellness program next year.

***Fingerprinting Reimbursement:*** B. Brophy reported there used to be a line item for it, but it was removed since it wasn't use. He'll put it back in the budget. Discussed whether we should reimburse all or part of the fee. B. Wicker suggested we keep up with background checks for current coaches to reveal recent incidents.

### ***The Hut:***

***D. Morrell made a motion to lease the hut to Little League for \$4,000 for 2014.***

***G. Tonner seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/abstain Motion carried. (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***CPR Course:*** R. Correa would like to approach the Dumont Ambulance Corp. to offer free CPR classes. Rec would give them a donation. Councilman Brophy says it costs \$5 - \$7 per person and recommends the Heartsaver course for people who work with children. Maybe we could also offer the babysitting CPR course. G. Tonner will contact them.

**Election of chairman:** D. Morrell withdrew his name for consideration as chairman.

**P. Musse made a motion to elect Rich Correa for chairman. D. Morrell seconded motion.**

**Vote as follows:** Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes **Motion carried.** (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)

**Election of co-chairman:**

**R. Correa made a motion to elect Pete Musse for co-chairman. G. Tonner seconded motion.**

**Vote as follows:** Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes **Motion carried.** (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)

**Proper Channels:** In light of the recent incident at Memorial Field in which the fence company left dangerous equipment out:

- J. Sansone stressed that commissioners contact our council liaison, Councilman Hayes, with such problems first, rather than going over his head.
- League presidents need to go to their liaisons rather than straight to the borough administrator or the mayor.
- The borough administrator and mayor should re-direct such inquiries back to the liaisons.
- All commissioners should be copied on matters so they can report back to league presidents and anyone who is inquiring.
- P. Musse reiterated that when a resident comes to a commissioner at a field or gym with a problem, question or complaint it is okay for the commissioner to tell them they'll look into it and get back to them.
- Councilman Hayes will ask John Perkins to copy Rec when he emails R. Correa.

**Meeting Attendance:** P. Musse read the Bylaws regarding attendance. "If you are continually absent for these scheduled meetings and are unable to attend four out of 10 scheduled Wednesday monthly business meetings, you may be asked to resign. If you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting you need to call into the Recreation office before the meeting." J. Galligan suggested giving a warning because volunteers are important.

**Memorial Park Gardens:** At a workshop will discuss beds D'Angelos had maintained.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**D. Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm J. Galligan seconded motion. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted  
Ellen Lohsen,  
5/6/14